



REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA
National Assembly, New Assembly Building, Reverend Pye Lane
Banjul, The Gambia

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, DISASTER
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND REFUGEES

OF THE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ON THE

ANIMAL HEALTH BILL, 2022

November 2023
Acknowledgements

The Joint Committee expresses its appreciation to the Office of the Clerk for providing the necessary support staff and logistics which enabled the Committee to carry out exhaustive consultations with all relevant stakeholders to deliver a report as stipulated by Standing Order 66 (2)(a).

The Joint Committee is impressed by the diligence of the Ministry of Agriculture, its line departments and other stakeholders, the subject matter specialists who demonstrated professionalism in their presentations and recommendations to enrich the Bill in both content and form.

1.0. Introduction

Honourable Speaker, I rise to table before this august Assembly, the report of the Joint Committee of Agriculture and Health on the Animal Health Bill, 2022 for the consideration and adoption of the House.

The first and second readings of the Animal Health Bill took place in September 2022 during the Third Ordinary Session of 2022 Legislative Year. The Bill was referred to the Joint Committee by the Assembly Business Committee (ABC) for further scrutiny.

The Joint Committee reviewed each of the clauses in the Animal Health Bill, 2022 and hereby present our recommendations and observations as detailed below.

The Joint Committee agreed to work on a rotational Chairpersonship to steer the affairs of the Joint Committee and acknowledged the requirement for each of the Committees comprising the Joint Committee to have a quorum before the Joint Committee could proceed with its meetings.

2.0. Mandate

Standing Order 69 spells out the mandate of the Committee as follows:

- (a) List out witnesses, hold proceedings and take evidence from witnesses.
- (b) Record the opinion of the Committee on each clause and schedule of the Bill and apprehend any amendment recommended.
- (c) Present Amendments in the order in which they stand in the Bill.
- (d) Present a report incorporating the summary of the evidence from the witnesses, the opinion of the Committee on the clauses and attach relevant records of minutes of the proceedings of the Committee.

3.0. Methodology

- (a) Consultation with stakeholders.
- (b) Review of documents/ position papers presented.
- (c) Retreat

(d) Convene validation meeting.

4.0. PROCEEDINGS

4.1. Scrutiny, Consideration, Findings and Recommendations

I) On the Object and Reasons of the Bill.

II) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is proposed that the objects and reasons as presented by the Mover in the second reading be adopted to stand part of the Bill in the consideration stage.

PART I

III) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAUSE 1

On Clause One -Short Title

The Committee recommends that the subtitle be read as Animal Health Bill 2023. The Committee recommends that clause 1, stands part of the Bill as amended.

IV) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAUSE 2

Consideration – Clause Two -Interpretation

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clause 2, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

V) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAUSE 3

Consideration-On Clause 3 - Applicable

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clause 3, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

VI) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART II

Consideration-On Clause 4 - 10 of Part II

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 4 -10 stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

VII) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART III

Consideration-On Clause 11- 20 of Part III

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends clauses 11-20 stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

VIII) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART IV

Consideration-On Clause 21- 39 of Part IV

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 21-39, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

IX) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART V

Consideration-On Clause 40- 42 of Part V

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 40 - 42, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

X) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART VI

Consideration-On Clause 43, 45.....50 of Part VI

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 43 - 50, stands as part of the Bill with amendment as provided in the Bill.

The Committee recommends that clause 44(2) be amended to be read as “the Veterinary Service in consultation with the Minister may established quarantine stations to accommodate and contain imported animals of suspected outbreak of the listed and non-listed diseases from the origin of imported animals”.

The Committee recommends that clause 44 (3) be amended to be read as “the Veterinary Service shall collect fees that is commensurate to the services that they are rendering at the Quarantine station for imported animals”.

XI) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART VII

Consideration-On Clauses 51- 57 of Part VII

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 51-57, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

XII) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART VIII

Consideration-On Clause 58- 61 of Part VIII

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 58 - 60, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

Clause 61 of part VIII

The Committee recommends that clause 61 to be read as “the Veterinary Service ‘**Shall**’ instead of **May** established a Veterinary feed analysis laboratory to regulate the production, manufacturing, processing, storage, ‘**transportation**’ instead of **transport**, distribution and marketing of feeds, feed stuffs, feed supplements and other feed products”.

XIII) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART IX

Consideration-On Clauses 62- 67 of Part IX

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 62 - 67, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

XIV) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART X

Consideration-On Clauses 68- 70 of Part X

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 68 - 70, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

XV) OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PART XI

Consideration-On Clause 71- 78 of Part XI

No Amendment is proposed. The Committee recommends that clauses 71- 78, stands as part of the Bill without amendment as provided in the Bill.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above-mentioned observations and recommendations, the Joint Committee of Agriculture and Health hereby submits this report for your consideration and adoption by this august Assembly and for the proposed recommendations to stands as part of the **Bill**.

I beg to move!

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF HON. MEMBERS

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